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Follow-up to the World Summit for Social Development and the twenty-fourth special session of the General Assembly: review of the relevant United Nations plans and programmes of action pertaining to the situation of social groups: report on the Third Mandate of the Special Rapporteur on Disability

Chile,* Ecuador, El Salvador, Guatemala and Mexico: draft resolution

Comprehensive and integral international convention to promote and protect the rights and dignity of persons with disabilities

The Commission for Social Development,

Taking into account General Assembly resolution 56/168 of 19 December 2001, by which it decided to establish an Ad Hoc Committee open to the participation of all Member States and observers of the United Nations to consider proposal for a comprehensive and integral international convention to protect and promote the rights and dignity of persons with disabilities, based on the holistic approach in the work done in the field of social development, human rights and non-discrimination and taking into account the recommendations of the Commission on Human Rights and the Commission for Social Development,

Bearing in mind the invitation made by the General Assembly in its resolution 56/168 to relevant bodies and organizations of the United Nations system, as well as intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations with an interest in the matter, to make contributions to the work entrusted to the Ad Hoc Committee, based on the practice of the United Nations,

Taking into account the report of the Special Rapporteur on Disability of the Commission for Social Development[1] in which he notes that with the adoption of General Assembly resolution 56/168 the process of elaborating a convention on the rights of persons with disabilities has been started,

* In accordance with rule 69 of the rules of procedure of the functional commissions of the Economic and Social Council.

[1] E/CN.5/2002/4.

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1. *Notes with appreciation* the valuable work undertaken by the Special Rapporteur on Disability and of his final report for the period 2000-2002,[1] in particular his recommendations relating to the preparatory process of elaborating the international convention;

2. *Invites* the Special Rapporteur and the panel of experts to contribute to the work entrusted to the Ad Hoc Committee by making recommendations regarding the content and practical measures that should be considered in the international convention;

3. *Underlines* the importance of receiving as soon as possible the contributions request by the General Assembly of relevant bodies and organizations of the United Nations system, as well as intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations with an interest in the matter for the work of the Ad Hoc Committee, based on the practice of the United Nations;

4. *Requests* the Secretary-General, with the support of the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights and the Division for Social Policy and Development of the Secretariat, to submit to the Ad Hoc Committee prior to its first session a compilation of existing international legal instruments, documents and programmes that directly or indirectly address the situation of persons with disabilities, to include, inter alia, those of conferences, summits, meetings or international or regional seminars convened by the United Nations and intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations;

5. *Invites* Member States to provide adequate financial resources to ensure the necessary expertise and the participation of international disability organizations;

6. *Decides* to remain seized of this matter.